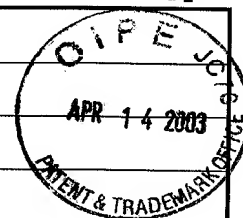


# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Examiner Name Guillermo Perez  
Attorney Docket Number 839-1012



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted  
i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 25, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)  
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☐ Enclosed  
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) required)  
b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1140  
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 04/15/2003 EAREGAY1 00000081 09854940  
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 enclosed  
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (For PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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